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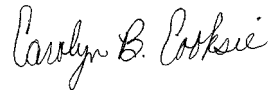
Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

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For: State and County Offices

Management of Agricultural Credit (MAC) System Issues

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Loan Programs



1 Overview

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Background

The MAC software was distributed to field offices in January 2000. Since then field offices have been populating data into MAC and using the functions available. Various software releases have updated the software and corrected errors in MAC.

However, 2 major issues remain:

- MAC connectivity on the System 36 computers
- the ability to move MAC data from one System 36 to another System 36.

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Purpose

This notice requests that State Offices provide the information needed to facilitate System 36 connectivity.

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Disposal Date

September 1, 2001

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to County
Offices

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Update on MAC Move/ Connectivity

The ability to move MAC information from one System 36 to another System 36 is projected to be available by the end of December 2000.

Connectivity will soon be available between System 36's, if:

- the System 36 computer is configured for connectivity and a frame relay has been installed
- information needed to facilitate connectivity is provided. Exhibit 1 lists the information needed before connectivity can be established. Priority will be given to field offices that are moving either all or part of their caseload.

System 36 computer connectivity will only make it possible for the destination County Office to access the borrower's data (MAC and other System 36 applications) on the transferring (former) County Office's System 36 computer. No data will be moved.

Note: Do **not** perform the ADPS 9G transaction for borrowers that are being transferred to another office until the MAC move software has been distributed and subsequently transfers the MAC data to the receiving office.

2 Action

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State Office

State Offices shall:

- complete and return Exhibit 1

Note: State Offices may reproduce Exhibit 1 as needed.

- provide any comments on a separate sheet concerning the need for a high priority based on caseload moves
- FAX the completed Exhibit 1 and comment sheet to Kathleen Miller at 202-720-6797 by October 6, 2000.

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National Office

The National Office will establish a priority list to set up connectivity based on the Exhibit 1 information and comments received from State Offices.

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KC-ITSTO

KC-ITSTO shall:

- provide instructions for configuring the S36 computers for connectivity
 - contact State AC's in order of priority and discuss the connectivity instructions
 - make available to the State AC's a contact person to troubleshoot setting up System 36 computer connectivity.
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Information for System 36 Connectivity

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